

IT AVERAGES WELL

Deer Park Now Shows 40 Feet of Ore in the Crosscut.

THE VALUE IS ABOUT \$28

Three Are no Walls Yet in Eight-Five Samples Taken From the 110-Foot Level Ranged From \$2 to \$104 in Gold.

The MINER is disposed to believe the Deer Park will be one of the great mines of the camp. The fact that an extraordinarily large body of ore is present is now accepted by everybody. It is also apparent to everybody who has seen the mine of late that a marked change took place in the ore below the 85-foot level, more quartz coming in and its general appearance being improved.

When THE MINER last had an account of the mine, the west crosscut from the 110 foot level had been extended 22 feet, all in solid ore. Since that time the crosscut has been driven 15 feet, making the total length 37 feet, and no wall in sight yet. The shaft itself is five or six feet wide and this should be added to the length of the crosscut which would make a total width of 40 feet.

This is the exact situation so far as extent of ore opened up is concerned. The next thing is as to the value of this tremendous ore body. There has been some difference of opinion on this subject. In order to get at the truth of the matter THE MINER has obtained from a gentleman largely interested in the company, and whom we believe to be perfectly trustworthy, a statement of some very careful assays made this week. These assays were five in number. The gold values as shown by them were as follows: \$2, \$17, \$24, \$28 and \$104. All of the assays were made from average samples taken from various places in the 37-foot crosscut, except the one showing \$104, which was made from a picket sample. The one showing \$28 is regarded as an average of the whole mass of ore in the crosscut. The evidence, therefore, seems to be conclusive that the Deer Park ore, from the lower workings of the mine, will run between \$25 and \$30 in gold.

Exhaustive tests will be when the ore gets to the smelter, which it will begin to do very soon, but there is no good reason to doubt that the Deer Park will become a profitable mine.

WEST LE ROI COMPANY.

The Reason Work Was Suspended on the Property.

Some days ago THE MINER contained a paragraph in reference to the cessation of work at the West Le Roi and Josie at a time when the showing on the property was of a most encouraging character. Certain information has come to hand which explains the situation. It appears that General Charles S. Warren, J. B. Jones and C. E. Barr now own or control a majority of the 500,000 shares in the West Le Roi and Josie company. About 90,000 of the minority interest is owned by Ross Thompson and John M. Burke.

The company has no treasury fund, that having been got rid of at an early period of the company's history, either in the stock or in the stock. Therefore the only way to get money for development work is to borrow it or to make volunteer assessments.

The Warren-Jones-Barr combination proposed the latter plan and did, in fact, put out of their pockets an amount of some time ago and carry it forward for a limited period. They called upon Burke and Thompson for a pro rata share of the expense money, but it is said they flatly refused to put up a cent, whereupon the work stopped. How the matter will end is uncertain, though it is probable those in control will make a move pretty soon.

The work done last fall was sufficient to open a very rich body of ore, the assays running sometimes as high as \$100 in gold. The vein is an extension of the Le Roi vein and the ore is precisely like that found in the Le Roi mine. THE MINER hopes that there may soon be some adjustment of the company's affairs so that this excellent property can be developed as it should be.

NORTH FORK MINES.

Trails Are in Bad Shape But the Mines Are Looking Well.

Frank Jackson, whose pack trains carry provisions and outfits from the North fork of the Salmon to the mining camps in the vicinity, arrived in Rossland Tuesday. Mr. Jackson says the old trail up the North Fork early in the spring is almost impassable, as much of it lies in the beds of the creeks. The trail built by the government has been partly washed away and is not now used, preference being given to the old prospector's trail. A trail from the end of the government trail to Ja. kson lake, a distance of six miles, has been cut out by Mr. Jackson, and the Summit is thus reached. A new trail has been located by Mr. Jackson from the mines on the East Fork which reaches Salmo by a distance of less than six miles.

Concerning the work done by prospectors on the North Fork Mr. Jackson said he had finished packing in supplies for the camp on the Big Buck claim. He brought down with him several fine specimens of ore, obtained from a new strike on that property which is attracting much attention in the camp. The tunnel on the Big Buck is now in 30 feet, and assays taken from average samples assayed yesterday \$60 in gold.

The Robert J. tunnel is in 35 feet and has 40 tons of ore on the dump. Assays

have been obtained ranging as high as \$40 per ton. The ledge is 18 feet wide, mineralized throughout.

The Alberta and Victoria shafts are in ore, and a tunnel now in 62 feet, is being driven to tap the ledge on both properties. It will be run 40 feet more before crosscutting.

The Berwick and Black Diamond, which were recently stocked, are to be worked all winter. Contractors R. W. Oreig and Jim Campbell have \$1,500 at their disposal to do immediate development work. These claims are located on Ben Hassan mountain.

Pure Gold Company Organized.

A meeting of the provisional trustees of the Pure Gold Mining company was held yesterday afternoon in the office of W. C. Archer for the election of officers and other business. The officers elected were: Walter O. Archer, president; James O'Toole, vice-president; D. D. Birks, treasurer; A. P. Hunter, secretary and manager. The company's property consists of three full claims on the east side of Christina lake, the Pure Gold, Escort and Tribby, and for the past two months six men have been working on the property and the showing in the tunnel, which is following the lead, is very good, the whole breast of the tunnel being thoroughly mineralized. The company is a strong working company and is the first to operate in that section.

LORING HIGHLY PLEASSED

He Gives Some Detailed Information Regarding the Monte Cristo.

New Ore Body Shows a Marked Change in Character as Well as Improvement in Quality.

The striking improvement in the Monte Cristo is the subject of very general congratulation in the camp for the stock is largely held by the public and the success of the mine is therefore particularly desirable. A representative of THE MINER yesterday met Frank C. Loring, the mining engineer, who is one of the directors of the Monte Cristo company and heavily interested in the property, and asked him how he was pleased with the present appearance of the mine.

"Lower tunnel No. 1," said he, "shows five feet of ore of excellent appearance lying between two sm walls. This is at a depth of 125 feet from the surface and it is, therefore, an excellent demonstration of the strength of the vein. The upper tunnel also shows a better body. I am highly pleased with the general appearance of the mine."

"Why did you have faith in the mine?"

"From the fact that it is located on the strongest vein in the district, and because the outcrop of this vein in the Monte Cristo territory is very remarkable for its strength, continuity and uniformity of course."

"How does the ore now found in tunnel No. 1 differ from the surface ore?"

"It is much more silicious. The ore upon the surface is a straight pyrrhotite; that found in the tunnels carries much less iron and is heavier in copper."

"Is it a concentrating ore?"

"It is. Concentrating tests made on the Mountain View and St. Elmo were highly satisfactory. The ore in the Monte Cristo is the same in appearance and on the same vein. We are now having concentrating tests made."

"What do you think of the chances of the mine?"

"I am of the opinion that with the Monte Cristo, as is the case with other mines in the district where strong and well-defined veins are known to exist, it is purely a question of sufficient resources and development to demonstrate that at some point on any of these strong veins ore of a profitable grade will be encountered. Development here is proving this to be the case."

PASSED THE PAY LIMIT.

Monte Cristo has Four Feet of Ore Averaging \$23.

The Monte Cristo is coming to the front very rapidly. The ore body found in the south crosscut from the lower tunnel has been entirely passed through and it is four feet wide. There is a good clean, smooth wall on either side and the best of it is that the ore assayed \$23 in gold.

Those who have been betting on Monte Cristo can now throw up their hats. The pay limit has been reached and passed, that at some point near a dead certainty it is now pretty near a dead certainty that the Monte Cristo is a mine and a big one too. Some of the ore can be seen in the window of THE MINER office. It has a bright, crisp look which tells its own story.

The development on the Monte Cristo to date consists of 600 feet of tunnelling, shafts and crosscuts. It has one of the best compressor plants in the camp.

ONLY ONE-THIRD REPRESENTED.

Deer Park Stockholders Not Inclined to Sell for \$500,000.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 13.—[Special.]—The meeting of the stockholders of the Deer Park Mining company called for today to consider an offer of \$500,000 for the mine made by an English syndicate failed to materialize owing to the lack of a quorum. Proxies had been sent to many holders of stock, but all told not over 350,000 shares were represented.

A meeting of the trustees will be held next week when they will consider the proposition of calling another meeting of the stockholders for the same purpose. The majority of the stock represented today was opposed to the sale of the mine and would oppose giving an option on property at the above figure.

300 TONS IN SIGHT

O. K. Has That Quantity of High Grade Ore Blocked Out.

LEDGE IS FIVE FEET WIDE

Gold in Visible Quantities Can Be Seen All Through It—Manager Warner Has Hit On a Method of Milling the Ore.

Manager Warner of the O. K. is not yet able to say what is the extent of the ore body showing visible gold opened in the upper workings of the mine last week. He said Tuesday he had already blocked out what he believed to be about 300 tons. This body of ore is 30 feet one way, 25 feet another and over five feet thick. This would make 800 tons, allowing 12 cubic feet to the ton.

The visible gold was first found in the stope near the surface above the No. 11 level. An opening was made to the surface and now the vein is being stripped, the quartz showing much oxidation and being richly colored with copper stains. There is a thin deposit of soil over the vein and this is easily removed. The gold is found all the way across the five feet of quartz. It is idle to guess at the possibilities of this new discovery and THE MINER prefers to make no venture in this direction beyond saying the find is wonderfully rich.

It has been decided to treat the ore in the O. K. mill instead of sending it off to the Great Falls smelting works. It will be ground up in the new automatic sampler—the same kind used at the Trail smelting works—and reduced to a proper mesh, then treated by amalgamation. Manager Warner says he can handle 1,000 pounds a day in this manner, and that in this way he thinks he can save practically all the gold.

THIRD OF THE RUTH.

George Alexander of Nelson has got the McVay Brothers Interested.

SANDON, Jan. 11.—[Special.]—The McVay brothers have sold their one-third interest in the Ruth mine near here to George Alexander of Nelson, who negotiated the sale of the other two-thirds some time ago. The price at which the first two-thirds interest was sold was on the basis of \$250,000 for the property, so it is altogether likely that the McVays got \$100,000 for the remaining third.

A. W. McKinnon, Mr. Hogue and Mr. Sargent of Butte are here looking over the Payne mine.

The Clifton house was damaged by fire to the extent of about \$100 last Tuesday morning.

A. K., near McGuigan, has seven inches of clean galena.

The Rambler has four feet of clean ore in the lower tunnel.

A man named Schuffler, living alone in a cabin on the old road, was found lying on the floor dead yesterday. An open valve was near him looking as though he might have been packing it at the time he fell. In falling his head struck on a pile of wood near the stove. The cause of death is thought to be apoplexy or heart disease.

CITY ELECTION AT KASLO.

Mayor Green Will Have a Hard Fight for His Position.

KASLO, Jan. 11.—[Special.]—There was little excitement here today over the nominations for mayor and aldermen for the ensuing year. There were, however, one or two surprises. Ex-Mayor Kane and G. O. Buchanan were nominated as candidates for aldermen. The various candidates with their nominators are as follows:

For mayor—R. F. Green, present mayor, nominated by Hamilton Byers and O. T. Stone; F. E. Archer, nominated by John Keen and John F. Kennedy.

For aldermen—A. W. Goodenough, nominated by T. Garland and George T. Keene; T. Garland, nominated by Hamilton Byers and O. T. Stone; Geo. T. Kane, nominated by D. McPhail and S. C. Wing; George O. Buchanan, nominated by George T. Kane and D. McPhail; George Whittey, nominated by Phyllis; Moore and Hamilton Byers; John D. Moore, nominated by D. C. McGregor and S. P. Tuck; H. A. Cameron, nominated by D. C. McGregor and W. B. Livingstone.

Just now the mayoralty contest is anybody's fight. A number of issues have been injected during the last 36 hours. Whether or not the Theatre Comique shall be allowed to continue its tax arrangements and how they shall be collected is also involved, as is also the question of waterworks management. It is contended that the cost over the estimates is the result of bad management.

For the aldermanic contest there is also an unexpected element in the fight by the appearance of Messrs. Kane and Buchanan in the field. The first is the largest holder of real estate in the city and the other a prominent business man. Both are capable manipulators and will give the old board, which has been renominated en bloc, a lively tussle, with the result very much in doubt.

Mr. Kane was mayor during the year 1894, and subsequently was sued by the city for taxes, winning a modified victory. This suit and subsequent claims against the corporation must have been

settled or dropped. Mr. Buchanan is at present a member of the board of police commissioners, but will doubtless resign, as at the public meeting the other night, he contended that this board should be independent of the board of aldermen. There is considerable excitement already manifested, and a good deal of feeling has been generated by the personalities which characterized the meeting of Saturday night last.

The public meeting tonight is called to take into consideration the construction of a hospital. It is proposed to submit a by-law to the electors for the granting from the city treasury of the sum of \$3,000 towards the building to be under the management of the Sisters of Providence. Sister Joseph of the order has been instrumental in founding hospitals at many of the Sound cities, both in British Columbia and the State of Washington, and is here making preliminary enquiries on behalf of the order to which she belongs.

Heavy Ore Shipments.

There is a scene of great activity out at the Black Bear siding of the Red Mountain railroad every day now. The Le Roi, Josie and Jumbo are all loading ore there and there are often a dozen sledges coming in from these mines at the same time. It is a hard matter for the railroad company to provide sufficient cars. The shipments over this line for the present week will show a big increase over last week.

WILD HORSE AND VICINITY

Superintendent Brings Down Rich Specimens From the Elise.

Fine Body of Steel Galena Opened Up in the Ymir—Free Gold on the Tamarac.

J. T. Sullivan, superintendent of the Elise mine on Wild Horse creek, arrived in Rossland Tuesday night. He said he had received a telegram that a survey for a crown grant would commence today. He brought down samples of decomposed quartz taken from a 12-foot drift from the shaft which is down 30 feet. The decomposed quartz lies between a body of solid quartz and the footwall and is 12 inches in width. It carries native silver in considerable quantities and pyrites of copper.

"As I came down," said Mr. Sullivan, "Superintendent Woods, of the Ymir, showed me some ore taken from a strike in that property. It was from the vein which has been put down about 20 feet and which has produced fine steel galena mixed with quartz and copper sulphides. The tunnel on this property is in about 70 feet, giving a depth of about 30 feet, so that the vein gives a total depth of about 50 feet from the surface."

"The Blue Jay, two and one half miles from Quartz Creek station and one mile from the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, is being worked by J. L. Parker. Cabins have been built. It was one of the first claims located last August."

"James B. Daubney of Aberdeen, Washington, has bonded a claim called the Molly P., and is doing some work on it now. He has a shaft sunk 12 feet and has a good showing in galena and quartz."

"The Tennessee claim has a shaft down 12 feet and has assays of \$15. A tunnel is now being driven 40 feet to crosscut the lead, and it is expected to tap it at any time."

"It is reported that free gold has been found in the Tamarac along the footwall in the incline shaft, which is down 25 feet."

"A petition has been circulated to have the name of the postoffice of Quartz Creek changed to Dundee Station, and 75 names were on the list when I left. A petition to the gold commissioner for a bridge across the Salmon river, was also circulated and every one signed it."

B. C. SOUTHERN CHARTER.

Toronto Syndicate Headed by Cox and Jaffray Controls It.

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 13.—It is learned today that the charter of the British Columbia Southern railway, which controls several million acres of land, including the coal deposits in the Crow's Nest Pass, had passed into the hands of the Hon. Geo. A. Cox and Robert Jaffray of Toronto. They are now in negotiation with the government and Montreal capitalists.

DEATH AT THE HOSPITAL.

James W. Barnes of Colfax Did Not Rally After the Operation.

James W. Barnes, a saloon man who has been in Rossland about six weeks, died suddenly at the Sisters' hospital at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was taken to the hospital from the Collins house, where he has been stopping, Monday afternoon, and shortly afterward an operation was performed by Drs. Bowes, Campbell, McKenzie and St. Clair. The trouble was peritonitis and appendicitis.

The deceased was born and raised in Brooklyn, N. Y. Previous to coming here he lived in Colfax, Wash., and just before his death stated that he had a sister living there, but this is denied by those who know him here. It is said that he was greatly attached to the sister of Perry Cole at Colfax, and that recently he has not been in his right mind, thus accounting for his claim to have relations in Colfax. He was well known also in Walla Walla, Wash.

His remains were taken to White's undertaking parlors and the funeral took place from the Catholic church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

MINING NOTES.

The Cliff began to haul ore to the cars of the Red Mountain railroad Monday. The loading is being done at the Nickel Plate siding.

IN LONDON'S MARKET

Flotation of the Galena Farm Was Not a Glittering Success.

PARENT COMPANY BLAMED

The Capitalization Considered Excessive and as a Consequence Vancouver Syndicate Shares Are Lower.

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LONDON, Dec. 23.—[Special Correspondence.]—While the mining market cannot be described as excessively lively, or hysterically happy, it is yet somewhat improved and may with careful steering escape the rocks towards which it has been drifting. J. B. Robinson and B. I. Barnato are both at Johannesburg. They have both been interviewed, of course, and both assert the purity of the motives which sent them to spend Christmas on the Rand. Rains have fallen heavily there and one of the difficulties which have been distressing the industry in that region is removed. West Australian mines are rather under a cloud just now and it is significant that the government of the colony has thought it necessary to grant the various gold fields exemption for a month from the onerous conditions governing gold mining in that part of the world. Copper shares still continue to present a firm front owing to the state of the market for the metal, and here in London it is thought that higher values will be obtained, although it may be taken for granted that the producers will do their best to fill up the void created by the recent increase in consumption.

Two Company Meetings.

British Columbia has again been well to the front this week. I sent you by last Saturday's mail a brief account of the Hall Mines meeting. Unintentionally I believe a little error crept into that account, namely with reference to the dividend on the preference shares. This should have been 7 per cent. I think I sent it 5 per cent. There is nothing to add about the Hall Mines meeting, but I send you under separate cover an official report of the proceedings.

Another company held its meeting this week, namely the Invicta Gold Mines, Limited. I send you a report of the proceedings, from which you will see that the management hopes to be able to divide a dividend among the shareholders next year. It is however significant that the shares of this company only stand in the market at five shillings apiece.

The Galena Farm.

Last week I told you about the flotation of the Galena Mines, Limited, with the huge capital of \$550,000. \$75,000 was asked for from the public, but I learn on good authority that only \$11,000 was provided. It is generally conceded that the company was over capitalized, a fault which cannot be too severely condemned in the case of a new country seeking the financial suffrages of Europe. I have as yet no news of the result of the appeal to the public that its shares went down straight to \$5.

The London Press.

During the past week British Columbia mining affairs have again been much in evidence in the London press, which has been taken as a good augury of the attention that will be paid to these properties during the course of the coming year. The only mining company concerned with your province which has been registered during the past week, is the Revelstoke Mining company with a capital of \$50,000, which was formed to take over the assets of its predecessor now in liquidation.

Echoes of the mineral exhibition, of which specimens from the Golden Cache formed an important part, are still ringing in the provincial press, but the value of the ore is now grown considerably. In the first instance this exhibition was probably given for the purpose of increasing amalgamation, although it has undoubtedly advertised Lillooet and therefore the province, still the outcry over one solitary discovery is not to be commended when there are so many districts which are proved to contain vast ore bodies, but not of this exceptional value.

According to the "Sketch" the Silver King must have struck it rich lately, for we are informed that the ore of that mine carries 444 ounces of silver and 33 per cent of copper. I am under the impression that the chairman of the Hall Mines company stated that his ore might carry 400 ounces, but doubtless the correspondent of the "Sketch," who writes, I believe, from Victoria, is in a position to obtain the most reliable information, which, however, up to the present has not had a tendency to send these shares up to their old prices.

Mr. A. Drucker, M. P., has been giving his impressions on "Golden British Columbia" to the "St. James Gazette," Calgary, by the way, is not in British Columbia, is the most beautiful small town he has ever seen, and he is very strong on the subject of the Crow's Nest Pass, and his blame the eastern Canadian for having permitted his American cousin to take up all the good things in the Kootenay mining camps.

Somebody has been writing to the "Times" pointing out that the advice given by the government labor department with reference to the expected emigration to the Rossland gold district is very misleading. It is stated that \$25 is sufficient capital to enable a man to start for these gold fields. His strictures are certainly just, and as he points out, \$20 will be nearer the mark. Misleading advice of this kind is liable to cause a great deal of distress and hardship, especially when it emanates from a government department.

It is now known in the city that several important financial houses are interested in exploration companies, whose scene of operations will be in British Columbia, and it is expected that these will be brought before the public before 1897 is many months old.

A British Columbian Candidate.

British Columbia has been a prominent feature in politics this week in connection with the Forfarshire election. The radicals were so short of candidates that they have actually gone all the way to your province to secure a candidate in the person of a certain Captain Sinclair. If he has not started already it may be as well to warn him that on form the constituency, which goes for both parties alternately with humorous regularity, should return a unionist this time. Anyway, even the organs of the opposition whose duty it is to be sanguine are by no means lull at the political prospects of the gallant officer.

The Grand Central Mines of Mexico intends to increase its capital with the object of purchasing new machinery. The shares remain at \$2 5/8 and Montanas at \$3 3/4, but De Lamar have fallen to \$2 and Poormans are not as a rule accorded a place in mining price lists. The Alaska group keeps steady. Lillooet and Fraser river are firm at \$1 1/2. Gustons are listed at \$2 6/8 and Tolima A are steadier at \$5 1/2.

The Grand Central Mining company's directors have resolved to declare an interim dividend of 28 per share for the three months ending November 30 last, payable at Messrs. Smith, Payne and Smith's on and after the 29th inst. The transfer books will be closed from the 21st to the 23rd inst. inclusive.

Mr. H. L. Simmons, of Messrs. Bowes, Scott & Co., mining engineers, is leaving this week for British Columbia.

Review of the Year.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The year just concluded commencing very auspiciously, for close on the heels of President Cleveland's message to congress regarding Venezuela came the news of the invasion of the Transvaal by the chartered company's forces under the lead of Dr. Jameson. Happily the international complications, which it was feared at one time would follow the raid, were averted, and the Venezuela difficulty also eventually passed from the acute stage to the passive state. But both these events left their imprints upon stock exchange values, and especially mining shares and American railroad securities, the latter being thrown upon the market owing to the nervousness engendered among investors by the patulant attitude of the United States government.

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British Columbia Mines.

British Columbia has been well to the front in Europe and new companies have been formed to develop in that region, notably the Golden River, Quesnelle, Galena mines and Vancouver syndicate. The province has been prominently discussed in the press of this country and its past record quoted as a proof of its ability to hold its own with other goldfields. But the British public is still lamentably ignorant of the mineral potentialities of British Columbia and everything conducive to enlightenment is welcome.

I find your paper is fairly well read in this country and it is no uncommon thing to hear of its being read carefully and then passed round among a circle of friends by the European subscribers. You have already done good work in helping to educate Europe about British Columbia and I sincerely hope that your efforts in 1897 will be no less vigorous, no less profitable than they have been in 1896.

Now that we have become a daily your power must increase; therefore may I impress upon you most particularly the importance of supplying us with periodical statistics (in the weekly) showing what the British Columbia mines are actually doing week by week and month by month in the way of development and production of the precious metals. This statistical question is of so much importance that I cannot too emphatically drive home the point to you who are in a position to supply us with what we want.

The intervention of Christmas has robbed the market of all interest, and movements have been unimportant. Ancocondas have hardened. DeLamar were bought at 6s 6d, but Grand Central has reacted to 2 1/2 and Montanas to 3s 6d. The Alaskan group remains steady. In British Columbia descriptions business has remained limited, but Lillooet and Fraser River have hardened to £1 9/8d, and Hall Mines are fairly steady. Vancouver Syndicates are still out of fashion.

Today's Journal of Finance has a long article on the "Coming Boom in Canadian Mines," from the pen of that well-known financial writer Mr. W. R. Lawson, who is, I believe, personally making inquiries in the Dominion. Whether or no you have yet received a visit from this gentleman I do not, of course know; but if you should Rossland would do well to afford him every information, for his opinion is held in much respect in London by financiers and investors alike. Mr. Lawson was for some years the editor of the defunct Scottish Leader.